CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PAL SINGH YADAV): (a) and (c) A quantity of 756 MTs of Australian wheat out of 945 3 MT lying at Wharf and transit sheds of Kandla Port, has been affected due to cyclone and rains on 09.6.1998.

(b) Cost of the stocks damaged can be assessed on completion of the salvaging operations which are in progress.

देश में उपभोक्ता आन्दोलन

3408. **चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह यादव:** क्या खाद्य और उपभोक्ता मामले मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि उपभोक्ता संगठनों के सहयोग से देश में उपभोक्ता आन्दोलन जोर पकड़ रहा है;

(ख) क्या सरकार का ध्यान उपभोक्तावाद और उपभोक्ता न्यायालयों की उपयोगिता के खिलाफ अभियान चला रहे निहित स्वार्थ वाले लोगों की ओर दिलाया गया है; और

(ग) गत दो वर्षों में ऐसे कितने मामलों का पता चला है और उन पर किस प्रकार की कार्यवाही की गई है?

खाद्य और उपभोक्ता मामले मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सत्यपाल सिंह यादव): (क) जी, हां।

(ख) जी, नहीं।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Setting up of New Sugar Mills in Orissa

3409. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to set-up new sugar mills in the State of Orissa;

(b) if so, the number of new sugar mills proposed to be set-up in 1998-99 in the State;

(c) whether some of the sugar mills set-up earlier in that State have fallen sick;

(d) if so, since when and the reaons for the sickness of those sugar mills; and

(e) the steps taken to revive those mills?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PAL SINGH YADAV): (a) and (b) Central Government does not set up sugar mills in any part of the Country. It, however, grants letters of intent/ Industriasl licences for setting up of new sugar mills.

As on 31.5.98, 15 letters of intent issued for setting up of new sugar mills in the State of Orissa were under implementation. Generally, it takes about 3-4 years to set up a new sugar mill.

(c) to (e) As per information received from Board for Industrial & Financial Reconstruction (BIFR), at present, no sugar mill has been referred to BIFR under Section 15 of Sick Industrial Companies (special provisions) Act, 1985 (SICA).

Godowns in RPDS Areas in the North-East

3410. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of godowns with capacities in RPDS areas in the North-Eastern region, State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that efforts are on to get land at different centres for expansion of existing capacity conventional godowns in the hilly and inaccessible areas of North-Eastern States;

(c) if so, the location wise details thereof and whether the lands are available and by when works will b started; and

(d) the number of cold storages completed in this region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMERS AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PAL SINGH YADAV): (a) with the introduction of Targetted Public Distribution System (TPDS) in June, 1997 the Revamped Public Distribution System (RPDS) has become redundant. However, the emphasis on creating infrastructure for strengthening of PDS in the areas covered under RPDS countinues. State-wise number of godowns with capacities in the erstwhile RPDS blocks in the North Eastern region sanctioned under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for construction of godowns of upto 2000 MTs capacity are as under:

State	No. of Godowns	Capacity (in MTs)
Arunachal Pradesh	5	800
Assam	12	23,300
Manipur	25	5,000
Meghalaya	3	2,400
Mizoram	39	13,200
Nagaland	37	2,050
Tripura	11	3,250

Food Corporation of India have 62 godowns having total capacity of 4.22 lakh MT in North-Eastern region as per details given in Statement-I (*see* below).

(b) and (c) yes, Sir. State Government have been advised to make efforts toget land at different centres for construction of small godowns upto the capacity of 2000 MT in hilly and inaccessible areas of North-Eastern States.

Central Waterhousing Corporation (CWC) undertake survey all over the country including North-Eastern region for identifying potential centres for setting up of their warehouses. Based on these surveys CWC have identified ten such centres in North-Eastern region as per details given at Statement-II (see below). CWC have requested respective State Governments to identify suitable lands for the purpose and hand-over the same to CWC for setting up of warehouses. As and when the land is made available to CWC construction work will be started.

Food Corporation of India (FCI) have reported that construction of godowns invarious States of North-Eastern region in already in progress as per details given below:—

State	Centre	Capacity in MT
Mizoram	Bhairabi	5000
	Aizawal	4590
	Lunglei	4590
	Lawngtlai	3340
Arunachal	Passighat	2500
Pradesh	Kharsang	5000
Tripura	Kumarghat	3340

Further, land has also been acquired at four new centres in the North-Eastern Region where it is proposed to create storage capacity as detailed below:—

Sl. No.	Centre/State	proposed storage capacity (In MT).
1.	Dimapur (Nagaland)	10,000
2.	Jowai (Meghalaya)	3,750
3.	Jiribam (Manipur)	2,500
4.	Agartala (Tripura)	5,000

Works at all the four centres have been entrusted to CPWD on deposite basis.

(d) CWC is operating one Cold Storage at Agartala with a capacity of 1,000 MT.

Statement-I

Depot-wise Storage Capacity of Food Corporation of India

(Figure in MTs)

Name of State	Name of FCI District	Name of FCI Depot	Storage capacity
Meghalaya	Shillong	Shillong (Owned)	5000
		Tura(owned)	5000
		Jowai (SWC)	1600
		William Nagar (SWC)	2200
		Khanapara (SWC)	2500
		Total:	16300
Nagaland	Dimapur	Mokokchung (Owned)	2500
		Tuensang (Owned)	2500
		Mon (Owned)	2200
		Dimapur (CWC)	10124
		Dimapur (Private)	3200
		Total:	20624
Manipur	Imphal	Sangaiprou (Owned)	12750
		Ukhrul (Owned)	5000
		Jiribam (State)	1000
		Total:	18750
Mizoram	Aizawal	Kolasib (Owned)	5000
		Meherpur (Private)	3792
		Bhairavi (Railway)	1000
		Total:	9792
Tripura	Agartala	Dharmanagar (Owned)	15000
		Churaibari (Owned)	1770
		Agartala (CWC)	10917
		N. Badarpurghat (Private)	1670
		A. D. Nagar (State)	4000
		Kumarghat (Rly.)	700
		Total:	34057
Assam	Kokrajhar-	Gossaigaon (Owned)	7100
		Kokrajhar (Private)	5677
		Fakiragram (Private)	1891
		Gairipur (Private)	3900
		Dhubal (CWC)	10100
		Total:	28668
	Bongaigaon	Jogighopa (Owned)	5000
		Bongaigaon (SWC/CRTC)	5400
		Goalpara (SWC)	1500
		Barpeta (Private)	5000
		Sarbhog (CWC)	10000
		Total:	26900
	Guwahati	Tihu (Owned)	9040
		New Guwahati (Owned)	31060
		Nalbari (Private)	2775
		City Depot (Private)	14180
		Total:	57055

Name of State	Name of FCI District	Name of FCI Depot	Storage capacity
	Tejpur	Tangla (Owned)	16250
		Hindukuri (Owned)	12500
		Total:	28750
	Nagaon	Hojai (Owned)	17240
		Nagaon(Senchowa) (Owned)	6920
		Diphu (Owned)	5000
		Ilachali (Private)	5000
		Nagaon (SWC)	7500
		Total:	41660
	Jorhat	Cinnamara (Owned)	13840
		Golaghat (Private)	2500
		Dergaon (Private)	2500
		Sibsagar (Private)	3465
		Total:	22305
	Dibrugarh	Tinsukia (Owned)	9420
		Dibrugarh -do-	11280
		(Chawlkhuwa)	10000
		Laipuli (Private)	5000
		Dikom -do-	13340
		Dibrugarh -do-	49040
		(Complex)	
		Total:	
	Silchar	Badarpurghat (Owned)	5000
		Ramnagar -do-	20000
		Haflong (Private)	2873
		Hailakundi -do-	1000
		Total:	28873
	North Lakhimpur	Narayanpur (Owned)	15000
		North Lakimpur -do-	8980
		Dhemaji -do-	5640
		Total:	29620
	Grand Total		322871
Arunachal Pradesh	B anderdewa	Banderdewa (Owned)	5000
		Bhalukpong -do-	5000
		Total:	10000
	Grand Total of N.E. Region		422394

Statement-II

S. No.	State		Names of the centres identified for setting up of Warehouses by the Central Warehousing Corporation
1.	Tripura		Dharmanagar
2.	Assam	(i)	Bara Pani
		(ii)	Borjhar Airport (for air Cargo Complex)
		(iii)	Jogipara (Satgaun)
3.	Nagaland	(i)	Dimapur Town
		(ii)	Chamuk Dima
		(iii)	Medzidhemea
		(iv)	Niuland
		(v)	Jalukie
4.	Mizoram	(i)	Lengpui (for air cargo complex)

सुपर बाजार में अनुसूचित जाति/अनुसूचित जनजाति के व्यक्तियों की प्रोन्नतियां

3411. **श्री चुन्नी लाल चौधरी:** क्या खाद्य और उपभोक्ता मामले मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सुपर बाजार के लेखा विभाग में आज तक कोई प्रोन्नतियां की गई हैं, यदि हां, तो अनुसूचित जाति और अनुसूचित जनजातियों के कितने व्यक्तियों की प्रोन्नतियां की गई है, यदि नहीं तो इसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ख) सरकार प्रोन्नतियों के कोटे को पूरा करने के लिए क्या कदम उठा रही है?

खाद्य और उपभोक्ता मामले मंत्रालय में राज्यमंत्री (श्री सत्यपाल सिंह यादव): (क) सुपर बाजार दिल्ली द्वारा भेजी गई सूचना से अनुसार लेखा विभाग में कर्मचारियों की समय-समय पर पदोन्नति की गई है। लेखा विभाग में अनुसूचित जाति/अनुसूचित जनजाति से संबंधित कर्मचारियों के उपलब्ध न होने के कारण इन वर्गों को पर्याप्त पदोन्नति नहीं दी जा सकी, लेखा विभाग में अनुसूचित जाति से संबंधित एकमात्र कर्मचारी को पदोन्नत किया गया है। तथापि, सुपर बाजार के लेखा विभाग में अनुसूचित जाति से संबंधित कोई कर्मचारी कार्य नहीं कर रहा है।

(ख) सुपर बाजार ने सूचित किया है कि जहां तक संभव हो, अन्य संवर्गों में मौजूदा अनुसूचित जाति/अनुसूचित जनजाति के उम्मीदवारों को पर्याप्त पदोन्नति देने के लिए कदम उठाए जा रहे हैं।

Import of Palmolein and Raida Oil

3412. **SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL:** Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to import Palmolein and Raida Oil;

(b) if so, the quantity to be imported and at what rate; and

(c) whether Government have decided to distribute the Palmolein and Raida Oil through PDS; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PAL SINGH YADAV): (a) to (c) The Government has decided to import 1.5 lakh MTs. of RBD Palmolein to meet the requirement of the States/UTs under the Public Distribution System during the festival months of August to November, 1998. The approved quantity of RBD Pamolein will be improted by the State Trading Corporation of India Ltd. by purchasing at the rates to be negotiated with the suppliers after considering the rate competitiveness of the oil in the international Oil market. Imported RBD Palmolein will be allocated and supplied